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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: BANGKOK POST SEPT 30 CARRIED
SHORT ARTICLE AND PICTURE OF SIGNING OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BRITISH COMPANY AND RTG FOR PURCHASE OF TEN MILLION POUNDS
STERLING WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. ACCORDING TO PRESS
ARTICLE, AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BRITISH
AMBASSADOR. GENERAL SOEM NA NAKHON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF ROYAL THAI ARMY, SIGNED FOR RTG. MR G R HOWELL SIGNED
FOR BRITISH COMPANY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT
AGREEMENT COVERS THE PURCHASE OF 34 SCORPION TANKS.
ARRANGEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF THE SCORPIONS WAS DESCRIBED
BY ONE SOURCE AS "NEAR TO A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT
AGREEMENT AS YOU CAN GET." SAME SOURCE SAID THAT THE
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PURCHASE STEMMED FROM A DEMONSTRATION OF BRITISH MILITARY
HARDWARE IN THAILAND LAST APRIL (REFTEL).

3. APPARENTLY RTG PRESSED THE BRITISH FOR A GOVERNMENT-TO-
GOVERNMENT SALE WHICH, WE UNDERSTAND, IS NOT THE NORMAL
PRACTICE FOR THE SALE OF UK MILITARY HARDWARE. WE WILL
ATTEMPT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT,

INCLUDING THE FINANCIAL TERMS.
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